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TAGS: PFOR, OVIP (VELASCO ALVARADO, JUAN)
SUBJ: REQUEST FOR WALTER REED TREATMENT FOR EX-PRESIDENT
VELASCO

1. FONMIN DE LA PUENTE CALLED IN CHARGE EVENING AUGUST 2
TO REQUEST THAT USG AUTHORIZE PHYSICAL THERAPY TREATMENT FOR
FORMER PRESIDENT VELASCO AT WALTER REED HOSPITAL. DE LA PUENTE
SAID HE MADE THIS REQUEST ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT MORALES
BERMUDEZ. AMBASSADOR GARCIA BEDOYA HAD REPORTED THAT VELASCO'S
DOCTOR BELIEVES PHYSICAL THERAPY TREATMENT AT WALTER REED
IS SUPERIOR AND HOLDS OUT BEST HOPE FOR EX-PRESIDENT'S
RECOVERY.

2. EMBASSY CONSIDERS U.S. INTERESTS WOULD BE SERVED BY
GRANTING REQUEST TO READMIT VELASCO TO WALTER REED. HE HAS
BEEN TREATED BY WALTER REED DOCTORS OVER THE YEARS BOTH IN
WASHINGTON AND HERE. IT WOULD BE MISTAKE AT THIS POINT TO
DENY VELASCO TREATMENT THE PERUVIANS THINK HE NEEDS, WHATEVER
OUTCOME OF HIS CASE. THE REQUEST FOR VELASCO'S ADMITTANCE
TO WALTER REED THIS TIME IS BACKED BY CURRENT PERUVIAN PRESIDENT
ON BEHALF OF HIS PREDECESSOR AND BROTHER ARMY OFFICER. THE
ARMY, ASSISTED BY OTHER MILITARY SERVICES, RULES PERU.

3. AS TO PAYMENT, EMBASSY ASSUMES PERUVIANS WOULD PAY
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HOSPITAL AND TREATMENT COSTS AS WE UNDERSTAND THEY DID WHEN

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VELASCO LAST UNDERWENT TREATMENT AT WALTER REED.

4. FONMIN ASKED TO BE INFORMED SOONEST OF DECISION ON
VELASCO ADMITTANCE TO WALTER REED, SO AS TO RELAY INFORMATION
TO PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ.
SMITH

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